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RE: Report of SA JAMES R. LOGAN, JR., dated 10/18/63 at ^(5668 SLD/GCL - 2/10/87-JFK) ~~Mobile, Ala.~~ ^{over 100 A.B.} ~~at 100 S.R.S. or~~ Birmingham.

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^{HSCA 1/26/79} An information copy is furnished Mobile because of its mutual interest in racial and bombing matters throughout the state of Alabama.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No leads are being set out in this report inasmuch as all leads have been set out on an expedite basis and this practice will continue.

An additional copy is furnished to the Bureau in the event it is needed for dissemination.

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This report includes material on stencil which had been run off as of 10/31/63 and does not intend to reflect all investigation conducted prior to 10/31/63.

Any reference herein to Klan, KKK, Ku Klux Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or any similar designation shall be construed as referring to United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, unless otherwise qualified.

All suspects are being interviewed regarding all Birmingham bombings in conjunction with this case. Many FD-302's apply to other recent bombings.

No index is being supplied at this time but will be furnished at a later date.

Numerous negative informant contacts from auxiliary offices have been received and are included in the Birmingham file but are not being set out in the report.

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The current telephone directory for Collinsville, Illinois, reflects telephone number DI 4-2451 is listed to RICHARD LAUCHLI, 2006 Keebler Street, Collinsville, Illinois.

On 9/24/63, the following persons advised IC WAYNE E. LOWE that they had no record concerning BILL or WILLIAM SHADWICK:

Mr. A. F. ROLLER, Manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Collinsville, Illinois;

Miss PAT SHEA, Credit Reporter, Edwardsville, Illinois, Credit Bureau;

Deputy JOHN COOPER, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Edwardsville, Illinois;

Patrolman DOMINICK GIOFRE, Collinsville, Illinois, Police Department; and

Miss DORENE LEHR, Credit Bureau of Belleville, Inc., Belleville, Illinois.

On the same date, the above sources at the Collinsville Police Department and Madison County Sheriff's Office advised they have no record concerning RICHARD LAUCHLI, SR., 2006 Keebler Street, Collinsville, Illinois.

On 9/24/63, Miss PAT SHEA, Edwardsville, Illinois, Credit Bureau, advised that her records have reflected information since 1947 concerning RICHARD LAUCHLI, 2006 Keebler Street, Collinsville, Illinois. He is about 70 years old and is married to VIOLA LAUCHLI. At the time of the last inquiry, Mr. LAUCHLI was employed at the Sterling Aluminum Company as a machinist in October, 1953. There is no derogatory information in the file concerning Mr. LAUCHLI.

On 8/30/63, SA JOHN W. LEWIS ascertained through the information telephone operator at Collinsville, Illinois, that

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persons calling RICHARD LAUCHLI, 2012 Keebler Street, Collinsville, who are not in possession of his unlisted telephone number are referred to telephone number DI 4-2451, which is the listed telephone of his father next door.

On 8/20/63, Mr. AUGUST F. ROLLER, Manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Collinsville, Illinois, advised that RICH LAUCHLI, JR., has unlisted telephone number DI 4-3195 at his home at 2012 Keebler, Collinsville, Illinois. This telephone has been unlisted since January, 1958.

Springfield indices reflect case file captioned "INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES; NEUTRALITY MATTERS, Bufile 2-1693, Miami - 00, their file 2-312, Springfield file 2-14, which involves RICH ALBERT LAUCHLI, 2010 Keebler St., Collinsville, Illinois. LAUCHLI known to Springfield files as gun collector, frequently investigated ATU, Chicago, Ill., for illegal possession automatic weapons. LAUCHLI convicted in connection with theft of 23 rocket launchers from Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, Indiana, 3/3/59, and given probation, Indianapolis - 00, their file 52-1924. In 1959, LAUCHLI made unsuccessful attempt to organize internal security force to serve as "last ditch" resistance against enemy invasion of United States. In 1961 and 1962 LAUCHLI active as Regional Director of "Minutemen," an anti-Communist guerilla warfare movement in the United States. LAUCHLI arrested by Sheriff near Collinsville, Illinois, 10/21/61 for illegal possession of automatic firearms during "Minutemen" training session. LAUCHLI indicated in November, 1962, he had severed relations with "Minutemen" and formed a new organization called "Counter Insurgency Council," Box 55, Collinsville, Illinois; and its purpose essentially same as "Minutemen." Above information furnished Miami. in view of information developed LAUCHLI was in Miami in July, 1963, with a load of miscellaneous automatic weapons and had sold some to Second National Front Escambray and Commandoes L. Anti-Castro Organizations. Springfield does not know outcome of above investigation by Miami. Springfield files indicate also that Newark advised St. Louis that PAUL R. SMOCK, American Cyanimid Corporation,

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Wayne, New Jersey, advised on 8/30/63 that he had been informed by the St. Louis Office of this corporation that SA S. J. PETERSON is interested in purchases of dynamite by RICHARD LAUCHLI. The St. Louis Office learned that LAUCHLI made a purchase of dynamite on 8/30/63 from JACK VINES, salesman for American Cyanamid, at Milstead, Illinois. Information regarding purchase of dynamite supposedly in possession of (FNU) MOSES, Manager of St. Louis Office, or (FNU) LUX, salesman at that office. SMOCK advised LAUCHLI allegedly purchasing dynamite for Cuba. Springfield unaware of results of that investigation.

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Date September 26, 1963

Mr. RICHARD LAUCHLI, JR. also known as Rich Lauchli, residence 2012 Keebler, was interviewed at his place of business, Loxco Machine Shop, 2010 Keebler, at which time he was requested to furnish any information in his possession concerning the identity of persons who perpetrated the recent bombings in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. LAUCHLI advised that he had no information concerning that matter. He said he does know two persons who live in Birmingham, Alabama. One is BILL CHADWICK or BILL SHADWICK whom he believes resides at 1409 - 16th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama, and the other is the pastor of a Baptist Church in Birmingham whose first name is FERRELL. LAUCHLI said he does not know FERRELL's last name nor the name of his church. He said he has met Reverend FERRELL through BILL SHADWICK. He explained that he had met BILL SHADWICK several years ago in some anti-Communist organization while SHADWICK was attending a school for chiropractors, somewhere in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri. He said SHADWICK may now be a practicing chiropractor in Birmingham.

Mr. LAUCHLI said that when he was in Birmingham, in June, 1963, he had made an unsuccessful attempt to contact BILL SHADWICK. Apparently as a courtesy call, BILL SHADWICK, accompanied by Reverend FERRELL (last name unknown), had visited LAUCHLI at Collinsville, Illinois about two weeks ago. At that time SHADWICK and FERRELL explained to LAUCHLI that they had been in the St. Louis, Missouri area attending a class in Scienpology which is for the purpose of strengthening the mind to resist Communist propaganda. Mr. LAUCHLI said that from his conversation with SHADWICK and FERRELL, he is of the opinion that neither of them were in any way connected with the bombings in Birmingham. He said both of them appeared to be strongly anti-Communist and they had expressed the opinion that the church bombings in Birmingham were inspired by Communists and felt that the bombings had done a great dis-service to the cause of the "Right wing". He said that he gathered from talking to them that SHADWICK and FERRELL are both opposed to integration to about the same degree as the average white Southerners, but he feels that neither is overly active in anti-integration movements.

On 9/24/63 at Collinsville, Illinois File # SI 157-231

by SA CLABORN R. CHEATHAM
SA JOHN W. LEWIS: sjs

Date dictated 9/25/63

Mr. LAUCHLI advised that he himself has made numerous purchases of dynamite from the American Syanamid Company, St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with his anti-Communist activities. He said he purchases such dynamite in the use of training members of anti-Communist organizations including "minutemen" and "the Counter Insurgency Council", which organizations are intended to carry on guerilla warfare in the United States in the event of invasion of the United States by Communist countries.

Mr. LAUCHLI advised that in July, 1963, he had purchased 2400 pounds of dynamite for a Cuban named VICTOR who is strongly anti-Castro and apparently intended to use this dynamite against Cuba. He said that of his most recent purchase of dynamite on August 30, 1963, he had used 150 pounds of the 200 pound purchase for training members of the "Counter Insurgency Council" and had on hand at present approximately 50 pounds of the dynamite.

Mr. LAUCHLI advised that neither BILL SHADWICK nor Reverend FERRELL had requested him to furnish them any dynamite and had not even suggested that they might have use for dynamite. LAUCHLI said he would never sell explosives to any person he believed might use them for anti-integration purposes. He also said he would never sell dynamite to any person believed to be a hoodlum.

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Date 10/21/63

WILLIAM RAYMOND CHADWICK, date of birth February 20, 1934, Box 992, and who advised he also has a Birmingham mailing address of 1409 - 16th Street West, furnished the following information when interviewed:

He is a graduate of the Logan Chiropractic School, St. Louis, Missouri, having attended this school from 1958 to February, 1962. While in St. Louis attending school, he met HOWARD CLARK who he described as a friend and who is employed by the McDonald Engineering Company, St. Louis. CHADWICK told CLARK that he wanted to buy a gun for his own protection, and CLARK mentioned that RICHARD LAUCHLI, JR., was a gun collector and that CLARK had heard LAUCHLI speak on occasion and CLARK suggested that CHADWICK contact LAUCHLI for LAUCHLI's opinion as to the best type weapon to purchase for personal protection. Shortly thereafter, CHADWICK drove to Collinsville, Missouri, to see LAUCHLI's collection of weapons, at which time LAUCHLI told him to purchase a Browning semi-automatic 9mm pistol, which he, CHADWICK, later purchased from the Bellville Hardware Company, Bellville, Illinois.

He described LAUCHLI as an anti-communist and who was interested in the Counter Insurgency Council, which council was organized for the purpose of waging warfare against any communist invaders of the United States.

He stated that he had talked with his pastor, Reverend FERRELL GRISWOLD, about LAUCHLI's anti-communist stand and the fact that LAUCHLI had anti-communist literature in his possession and on the night of September 15, 1963, he and GRISWOLD drove to St. Louis, Missouri, to spend the week delving into the auditing of Sciencology. He said while in St. Louis, and since GRISWOLD was interested in meeting LAUCHLI, he and GRISWOLD went to Collinsville, Missouri, for the purpose of meeting with LAUCHLI.

He advised that he observed no dynamite in LAUCHLI's possession and the subject of dynamite was not discussed with LAUCHLI nor was the subject of any type

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by SA MARVIN C. EVANS and
SA EDWARD V. SCHAUM:yk Date dictated 10/19/63

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Date 10/21/63

Reverend FERRELL GRISWOLD, Mulga Road, and who is pastor of the Minor Heights Baptist Church, furnished the following information when interviewed:

He and WILLIAM (BILL) CHADWICK went to St. Louis, Missouri, together during the week preceding September 21, 1963. GRISWOLD had a speaking engagement on the Monday of that week and spent the remainder of the week attending classes in Scienpology at St. Louis. While in St. Louis with CHADWICK, they went to visit RICHARD LAUCHLI, JR., Collinsville, Illinois, since CHADWICK had told GRISWOLD about LAUCHLI's interest in anti-communism. GRISWOLD wanted to see LAUCHLI because of the educational material in LAUCHLI's possession concerning anti-communism. He said that they visited LAUCHLI for a short period and he determined that LAUCHLI is connected with the Counter Insurgency Council, which GRISWOLD determined was an organization to wage war against any communist invaders of the United States.

GRISWOLD stated that LAUCHLI is open and above-board with his activities and has in his possession numerous weapons and GRISWOLD observed what he thought was an anti-tank gun, a Bazooka, several hundred rounds of ammunition. He said that LAUCHLI also has several rifles in his possession. He said he did not observe any dynamite while in LAUCHLI's place of business and stated that explosives were not discussed and the only discussion had concerning the weapons in LAUCHLI's possession was the fact that these weapons would be used in the event of a communist invasion of the United States.

GRISWOLD stated that he definitely did not obtain any dynamite from LAUCHLI and transport same back to the Birmingham area.

GRISWOLD advised that he is presently operating as coordinator of the West End Parents for Private Schools, Inc., located on 17th Place SW, Birmingham, Alabama. He said when the private school is completely organized and in operation it would be known as the Jefferson Academy. He

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SA MARVIN C. EVANS and
by SA EDWARD V. SCHAUM:yk Date dictated 10/19/63
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